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Amphibious Training Activity, East Sea Fleet, PRC (S)

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25X2**AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITY, EAST SEA FLEET, PRC (S)**

1. (S) [] On imagery of [] amphibious-related training activity was observed northwest of Zhoushan (Chou-shan) Island in the People's Republic of China (PRC; Figure 1). []

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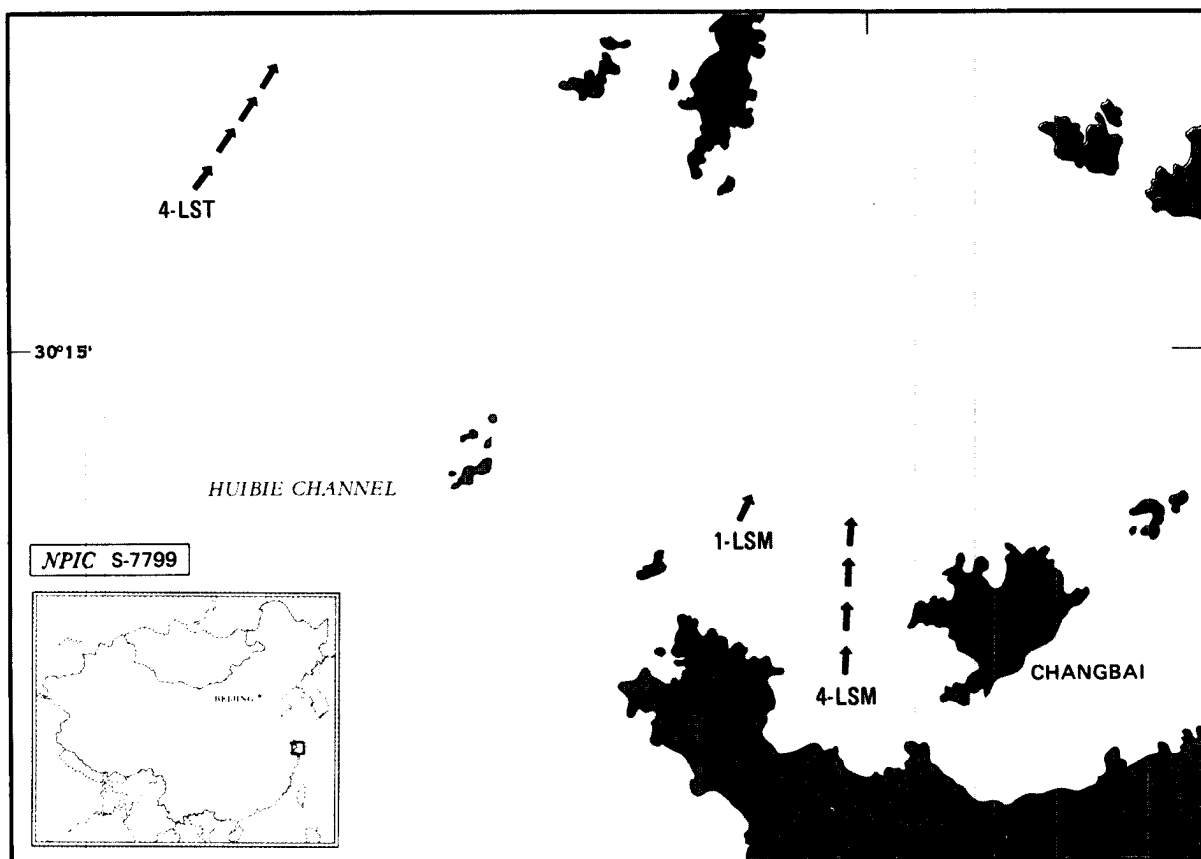
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2. (S/WNINTEL) Nine amphibious-related ships were involved. Four EX-US tank landing ships (LST)-1 were 11 nautical miles (nm) northwest of Zhoushan Island and were changing course to the northwest (Figure 2A). Four EX-US medium landing ships (LSM)-1 were heading north after having passed between Zhoushan and Changbai (Chang-Pai) Islands with a fifth LSM 2 nm west of the others and on the same course (Figure 2B).

3. (S/WNINTEL) Three additional ESF amphibious assault landing ships (three LSTs including the one operational Yukon-class LST) were observed in port at Shanghai on [] The ships included in the activity and the vessels in port account for 12 of the 14 amphibious assault ships carried in the ESF order-of-battle.

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4. (S/WNINTEL) The exact nature of the training activity could not be determined, and no amphibious operations area was identified on imagery.

**FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITY, EAST SEA FLEET, PRC** []

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